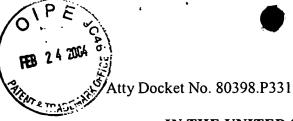
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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and consideration of the following remarks.